ards, Reg. No. 27,293 **Patent** Modi Case 2 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Patent application of: Jashawant J. Modi Examiner: G. Brouillette Serial No.: 08/855,779 Filed: May12, 1997 Art Unit: 1502 For: Hydrophobically Modified Polysaccharide In Personal Care Products Honorable Assistant Commissioner For Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

## **AMENDMENT**

In response to the Official Action dated February 5, 1998, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 1 as follow:

--1. (Amended) A personal care composition comprising:

(a) from about 0.1% to about 99% by weight of a vehicle system which comprises a hydrophobically modified nonionic water soluble polysaccharide polymer having a hydrophilic portion which comprises a water soluble polysaccharide polymer backbone